

Abstract

RESEARCH PAPER: Culturally Competent Healthcare in Hispanic Women

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Cultural competency in healthcare is extremely important. Being able to provide care to patients of all different cultures is something that nurses and other healthcare providers must do. The focus of this study is on how Hispanic Women view cultural competence. Hispanic women will be recruited from local hospitals, clinics, and other community agencies. The Hispanic women will be interviewed and surveyed to determine what they feel is culturally competent care. This study will replicate Fleuriet's (2009) study. The targeted sample is 50 Hispanic women 18 years or older, who are pregnant or have recently been pregnant. Data will be collected using surveys and interviews. The surveys will be used to assess demographic data. The interviews will assess the women's belief of what is culturally competent care, what social support is, when they desire it, and how much they desire. The benefits to this study will be a better understanding of what Hispanic women see as culturally competent care.